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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION: FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS' REPLY TO
SECRETARY'S LETTER

REF: (A) STATE 223925; (B) MONROVIA 6054

1. THE EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED THE SIGNED ORIGINAL OF FOREIGN
MINISTER DENNIS' REPLY TO THE SECRETARY'S LETTER ON THE KHMER
REPRESENTATION ISSUE IN THE 29TH UNGA. THE TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
COMPREHENSIVE AND DETAILED LETTER TO ME CONCERNING THE FORTH-
COMING DISCUSSION OF THE CAMBODIAN ISSUED DURING THE COURSE OF
THE CURRENT UNITED NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY. I ALSO REGRET THAT
IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TO MEET WHILE IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS
THIS AND OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO OUR RESPECTIVE
NATIONS.

AS YOU KNOW, THE CONSISTENT POLICY OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA HAS BEEN TO SUPPORT ALL INITIATIVES WHICH
WILL PROMOTE PEACE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE,
WITH REFERENCE TO THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION, THAT IT IS MOST
IMPORTANT THAT THE TWO SIDES BE ENCOURAGED TO REACH AN ACCOMMODA-
TION AMICABLY AND WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. MOREOVER, IT IS
OUR BELIEF THAT THE WAR IN CAMBODIA HAS GONE ON FOR FAR TOO LONG,
WITH TRAGIC CONSEQUENCIES FOR THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE. THIS CON-
FLICT ALSO CONTAINS THE POTENTIAL TO DISRUPT THE PEACE OF ALL
SOUTHEAST ASIA AND, INDEED, OF THE ENTIRE WORLD.

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FOR THESE REASONS LIBERIA WILL VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL ASIAN COUNTRIES CALLING FOR A NEGOTIATED, PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BY THE CONTENDING PARTIES THEMSELVES.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE DECISION WE HEREIN INDICATE IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF PEACE. THE EXPULSION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC FROM THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD NOT, BY ITSELF, CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO BRINGING THIS UNHAPPY AND INCONCLUSIVE WAR TO AN EARLY CLOSE. THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT'S GREATEST CONCERN AND OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION IS TO ENCOURAGE AND CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS AN EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THIS CONFLICT.

KIND REGARDS, SINCERELY, C. CECIL DENNIS, JR., MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS END TEXT.

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